

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to recognize those citizens that
4 have made valuable contributions in ministry to their
5 community; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., Pastor of
7 Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, was born in
8 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A.
9 Wright, Sr. and Dr. Mary Henderson Wright; and

10 WHEREAS, Pastor Wright, Jr. attended Virginia Union
11 University in Richmond, Virginia, where his parents and
12 grandparents attended; after six years in the military,
13 Pastor Wright transferred to Howard University where he
14 completed his undergraduate studies and received his first
15 Master's Degree; his second Master's Degree was from the
16 University of Chicago Divinity School; Pastor Wright received
17 his Doctorate from the United Theological Seminary under Dr.
18 Samuel DeWitt Proctor; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to Pastor Wright's four earned
20 degrees, he has been the recipient of three honorary Doctor
21 of Divinity Degrees, a Doctor of Letters Degree (from Colgate
22 University) and a Doctor of Laws Degree from Bethune-Cookman
23 College; and

24 WHEREAS, When Pastor Wright was called to serve the
25 congregation of Trinity United Church of Christ in March of
26 1972, the membership was 87 adults; since that time, the
27 membership has grown to over 8000 members with two new
28 worship centers added; and

29 WHEREAS, Trinity Church has also constructed two Senior
30 Citizen Housing complexes which provide comfortable living
31 quarters for 130 families; the Trinity Church has operated a

1 Federally Funded Child Care Program for low-income and
2 unemployed families for a quarter of a century and has also
3 run a federally funded Credit Union for 25 years with assets
4 exceeding \$2,000,000; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Wright and Trinity Church have supported
6 missions in Ghana, West Africa and in Durban, South Africa
7 for over a decade; the Church opened a Computer School in
8 Saltpond, Ghana in the summer of 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Under Paster Wright's leadership, 35 seminary
10 graduates have been ordained to the Christian Ministry and 29
11 students are presently enrolled in fully accredited
12 seminaries, preparing themselves for full time ministry; and

13 WHEREAS, Pastor Wright's personal, pastoral, and ministry
14 philosophy have been shaped by his mother and father, who
15 showed him by their living what the gospel of Jesus Christ
16 really means; he now shares those lessons with his wife,
17 Ramah Reed Wright, his four daughters, his son, and his three
18 grandchildren; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
21 we congratulate the Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. on
22 his profound and guiding influence on the people of his
23 community and around the world; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
25 presented to the Reverend Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. as an
26 expression of our esteem.